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Docket No. 1046.1188/CJG

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shigeki HAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/138,378

Group Art Unit: 2624

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Examiner: G. Garcia

For: PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATELY PROCESSING A
PLURALITY OF PRINT DATA (as amended)

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, having a shortened period for response set to expire on October 3, 2002. A petition and fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to December 3, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 6, 11-16, 21, and 26-30 as follows:

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1. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A printer outputting a plurality of types of print data corresponding to one or more images to be printed on one page, each of the types of print data having an attribute identifying the type of print data, the attribute comprising one of a first kind of attribute and a second kind of attribute and being designated by a host computer, said printer comprising: